

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ben Imhoff on August 26, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 56, lines 1-2: The phrase "connecting member" has been replaced with the phrase - - connection member - -; and
- Claim 60, lines 1-2: The phrase "connecting member" has been replaced with the phrase - - connection member - -.

3. Claims 27-42 and 45-62 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARAH B. MCPARTLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-6854. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on 571-272-6670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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